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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-23, 26-33, 41-45, 47 and 49 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7, 24, 34-37, 39, 40, 46 and 48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 25 and 38 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 03/18/08. Claims 1-7, 24-25, 8-12, 26, 13-23, 27-33, 34-40, 41-45, 46, 47, 48, 49 are pending.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 24-25, 8-12, 26, 13-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. Claims 1-7, 24-25, 8-12, 26, 13-23, 27-33, 34-40, 41-45, 46, 47, 48, 49 are pending

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

4. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/18/08 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/18/08 was filed after the mailing date of the final rejection on 09/18/07. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

6. Claims 48, 49 are objected to because of the following informalities: "A computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions adapted to perform a method comprising" should be replaced by ---- A computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions which are executed by a computer processor adapted to perform a method comprising ----. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 24, 34-37, 39-40, 46, 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Das et al. (US 2002/0167992 A1) in view of Hsu et al. (US 6,665,309 B2), and in further view of McGibney (Patent No. US 6,594,273 B1).

In the claim 1, Das et al. discloses Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) that comply with the cdma2000 1xEV-DV standard, there are two control channels per data channel...The first control channel, which is called the primary control channel, contains timing information for the user information. The second control channel, which is called

the secondary control channel, contains various information that describe the format and the identification of the user information being transmitted over the data channel (see col. 1, lines 55-65); comprising:

- ◆ generating a first control channel comprising an indicator, the sub-packet comprising at least one slot ([0007], information in both control and data channels are transmitted in the form of sub-packets “sub-packet comprising at least one slot” during one or more time slots “sub-slots”) and parameters of the traffic channel (see page. 1, [0006], lines 58-64, the first control channel, which is called the primary control channel, contains timing information for the user information, see page 1, [0009] lines 25-40, the primary control channel contains information about the particular time slot or slots to which a sub-packet in a particular data channel is assigned, see page 3 [0019] lines 15-25);
- ◆ generating at least one second control channel, each of said at least one second control channel comprising (a) an identity (MAC ID) of at least one subscriber station intended to share the sub-packet (see page 1, [0008] lines 20-25, the second control channel information includes the MAC ID of the sub-packet which identifies a user on shared channel. The secondary channel information further includes: (1) Sub-packet ID which identifies a particular sub-packet being transmitted over a data channel; (2) Automatic Retransmission request (ARQ) channel ID which identifies a logical ARQ channel; (3) New packet indication which identifies the first sub-packet of a group of sub-packets being transmitted or acts to demarcate one group of sub-packets from another group) and

(b) information enabling the subscriber station to demodulate (decode) the traffic channel (see page 3, [0019] lines 15-30, the receiving equipment will descramble the received secondary information accordingly and then decode the information).

However, Das et al. is silent to disclosing generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared.

Hsu et al. discloses the present invention relates generally to a manner by which to facilitates efficient radio resource utilization in a radio communication system that utilizes shared channels, such as 1xEV-DV forward shared channels defined in CDMA 2000 cellular communication system that provides 1xEV-DV data services. More particular, the present invention relates to apparatus, and an associated method, by which to allocate, control, manage the shared channel through the generation of CDM (code division multiplexing) assignment information (see col. 1, lines 15-20); comprising:

- ◆ generating a first control channel comprising an indicator (col. 4, lines 66-67, the mobile station monitors a common, shared control channel to which the mobile station is assigned to receive CDM assignment information thereon) that a sub-packet of a traffic channel is to be shared by a plurality of subscriber stations, the sub packet comprising at least one slot, the slot comprising at least two sub-slots “User 1 CDM Info, User 2 CDM Info, User 3 CDM Info, User 4 CDM Info”, and (b) parameters “the assignment information sets 54 are allocated to the three users” of the shared sub-packet of the traffic channel (see col. 2, lines 64-67, col. 3, lines 1-7, lines 10-15, lines 39-43, lines 51-60, col. 4, lines 24-28, lines 48-51,

lines 66-67, col. 5, lines 66-67, col. 6, lines 45-47, col. 7, lines 5-10, lines 54-58, col. 8, lines 1-3, lines 55-62).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Das with the teaching of Hsu to generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared in order to improve the throughput of the system by allowing multiple mobile station to monitor a single shared, control channel, i.e., the shared, control channel that is assigned to the particular mobile station.

However, the combined system (Das – Hsu) disclose the slot comprising at least two sub-slots).

McGibney disclose a sub-packet (figure 2, frame) comprising at least one slot, the slot comprising at least two sub-slots (col. 4, lines 25-35, the radio channel is shared between terminals by time division multiple access (TDMA). The network time is divided into a continuous series of frames, each frame with a structure as shown in Figure 2. The first time slot in each frame is used for synchronization signals and the remainder are data slots for carrying information between terminals. To accommodate routing, each data slot is further divided into sub-slots. The transceiver module 14 transmits its signal during the first sub-slot and the router modules 10 in the remaining active terminals use the following sub-slots to route the signal through the network to its destination).

Both Das, Hsu, and McGibney disclose the shared the traffic channel. McGibney recognizes the slot comprising at least two sub-slots. It would have been obvious to one

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of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the slot comprising at least two sub-slots taught by McGibney into the combined system (Das – Hsu) in order to route of signals and to synchronize of terminals within a telecommunication network (col. 1, lines 6-7).

9. In the claim 2, Das discloses the limitations of claim 1 above, however, Das is silent to disclosing generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameter of a traffic channel comprises: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a number of subscriber stations sharing a unit of the traffic channel.

Hsu et al. discloses generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameter of a traffic channel comprises: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a number of subscriber stations sharing a unit of the traffic channel (see col. 2, lines 64-67, col. 3, lines 1-7, lines 10-15, lines 39-43, lines 51-60, col. 4, lines 24-28, lines 48-51, lines 66-67, col. 5, lines 66-67, col. 6, lines 45-47, col. 7, lines 5-10, lines 54-58, col. 8, lines 1-3, lines 55-62).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Das with the teaching of Hsu to generate a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameter of a traffic channel comprises: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a number of subscriber stations sharing a unit of the traffic channel in order to improve the throughput of the system by

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allowing multiple mobile station to monitor a single shared, control channel, i.e., the shared, control channel that is assigned to the particular mobile station.

10. In the claim 3, Das discloses generating at least one second control channel, each of said at least one second control channel comprising an identity (MAC ID) of at least one subscriber station and information enabling the subscriber station to demodulating the traffic channel comprising: generating at least one second control channel, each of said at least one second control channel comprising an identity of at least one subscriber station and number of code channels encoding the unit of the traffic channel see page 1, [008] lines 20-25, the second control channel information includes the MAC ID of the sub-packet which identifies a user on shared channel. The secondary channel information further includes: (1) Sub-packet ID which identifies a particular sub-packet being transmitted over a data channel; (2) Automatic Retransmission reQuest (ARQ) channel ID which identifies a logical ARQ channel; (3) New packet indication which identifies the first sub-packet of a group of sub-packets being transmitted or acts to demarcate one group of sub-packets from another group) (see page 3, [0019] lines 15-30, the receiving equipment will descramble the received secondary information accordingly and then decode the information).

11. In the claim 4, Das discloses the limitations of claim 1 above, however, Das is silent to disclosing transmitting the first control channel at a power required by subscriber station with the worst forwarding link quality metric for which the first control channel is intended.

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Hsu discloses transmitting the first control channel at a power required by subscriber station with the worst forwarding link quality metric for which the first control channel is intended (see col. 5, lines 66-67, col. 6, lines 1-3).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Das with the teaching of Hsu to transmit the first control channel at a power required by subscriber station with the worst forwarding link quality metric for which the first control channel is intended in order to improve the throughput of the system by allowing multiple mobile station to monitor a single shared, control channel, i.e., the shared, control channel that is assigned to the particular mobile station.

12. In the claim 6, Das discloses the limitations of claim 1 above, however, Das is silent to disclosing generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameters of a traffic channels comprising: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared, a first number of sub-divisions of a unit of the traffic channel, and a second number of subscriber station sharing the unit.

Hsu discloses generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameters of a traffic channels comprising: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared, a first number of sub-divisions of a unit of the traffic channel, and a second number of subscriber station sharing the unit (see col. 2, lines 64-67, col. 3, lines 1-7, lines 10-15,

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lines 39-43, lines 51-60, col. 4, lines 24-28, lines 48-51, lines 66-67, col. 5, lines 66-67, col. 6, lines 45-47, col. 7, lines 5-10, lines 54-58, col. 8, lines 1-3, lines 55-62).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Das with the teaching of Hsu to generate a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared and a parameters of a traffic channels comprising: generating a first control channel comprising an indicator that a traffic channel is to be shared, a first number of sub-divisions of a unit of the traffic channel, and a second number of subscriber station sharing the unit in order to improve the throughput of the system by allowing multiple mobile station to monitor a single shared, control channel, i.e., the shared, control channel that is assigned to the particular mobile station.

13. In the claim 7, Das et al. discloses generating at least one second control channel, each of said at least one second control channel comprising an identity (MAC ID) of at least one subscriber station and information enabling the subscriber station to demodulate the traffic channel comprises: generating at least one second control channel, each of said at least one second control channel comprising an identity of at least one subscriber station and starting sub-division of the unit of the traffic channel (see page 1, [008] lines 20-25, the second control channel information includes the MAC ID of the sub-packet which identifies a user on shared channel. The secondary channel information further includes: (1) Sub-packet ID which identifies a particular sub-packet being transmitted over a data channel; (2) Automatic Retransmission reQuest (ARQ) channel ID which identifies a logical ARQ channel; (3) New packet indication

which identifies the first sub-packet of a group of sub-packets being transmitted or acts to demarcate one group of sub-packets from another group) (see page 3, [0019] lines 15-30, the receiving equipment will descramble the received secondary information accordingly and then decode the information).

14. As to claim 24, Das discloses the limitations of claim 1 above, however, Das is silent to disclosing wherein two sub-slots include data intended for two subscriber stations.

Hsu et al. discloses wherein two sub-slots include data intended for two subscriber stations (figure 4, User 1 CDM Info, User 2 CDM Info, User 3 CDM Info, User 4 CDM Info).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Das with the teaching of Hsu to provide two sub-slots include data intended for two subscriber stations in order to improve the throughput of the system by allowing multiple mobile station to monitor a single shared, control channel, i.e., the shared, control channel that is assigned to the particular mobile station.

15. Regarding to claim 34, Das et al. discloses Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) that comply with the cdma2000 1xEV-DV standard, there are two control channels per data channel...The first control channel, which is called the primary control channel, contains timing information for the user information. The second control channel, which is called the secondary control channel, contains various information

that describe the format and the identification of the user information being transmitted over the data channel (see col. 1, lines 55-65); comprising:

- ◆ A base station configured to generate a first control channel comprising an indicator, the sub-packet comprising at least one slot ([0007], information in both control and data channels are transmitted in the form of sub-packets “sub-packet comprising at least one slot” during one or more time slots “sub-slots”) and parameters of the traffic channel (see page. 1, [0006], lines 58-64, the first control channel, which is called the primary control channel, contains timing information for the user information, see page 1, [0009] lines 25-40, the primary control channel contains information about the particular time slot or slots to which a sub-packet in a particular data channel is assigned, see page 3 [0019] lines 15-25);
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16. Regarding to claim 35, claim 35 is rejected the same reasons of claim 2 above.

17. Regarding to claim 36, claim 36 is rejected the same reasons of claim 3 above.

18. Regarding to claim 37, claim 37 is rejected the same reasons of claim 4 above.

19. Regarding to claim 39, claim 39 is rejected the same reasons of claim 6 above.

20. Regarding to claim 40, claim 40 is rejected the same reasons of claim 7 above.

21. Regarding to claim 46, claim 46 is rejected the same reasons of claim 1 above.

22. Regarding to claim 48, claim 48 is rejected the same reasons of claim 1 above.

Allowable Subject Matter

23. Claims 5, 38, 25 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

24.

25. Claims 8-12, 26, 13-23, 27-33, 41-45, 47, 49 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art (20020167992, 6665309, 6091717) of record does not appear to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combinations with the specific added limitations, as

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recited from independent claims 8, 13: "if the subscriber station identify of the second control channel matches an identity of the first subscriber station, demodulating the traffic channel in accordance with said determined multiplexing and the enabling information"

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

26. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kenney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,020,091 B2).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHUONG T. HO whose telephone number is (571) 272-3133. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ORGAD EDAN can be reached on (571) 272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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